

Remarks

Applicants have amended the Specification to add a paper copy of a Sequence Listing as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.821(c) and to add reference to the SEQ ID NOs. in the Brief Description of the Drawings. Further, Replacement FIG. 2 has been provided to correctly reference the corresponding SEQ ID NOs. No new matter has been introduced into the Specification, drawings, or Sequence Listing with this Preliminary Amendment.

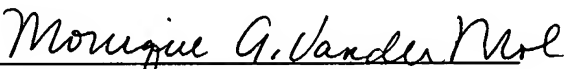
Applicants respectfully request early and favorable action on the merits of their Application.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings

Please find Replacement FIG. 2 attached hereto in compliance with the accompanying Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application. Replacement FIG. 2 provides new references to SEQ ID NO.: 1 and SEQ ID NO.: 2 (marked-up in red to show the changes.) Description of the changes in Replacement FIG. 2 are provided in the amendment to the Specification. No new matter has been added with replacement FIG. 2.

**Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.821 Regarding
Submission of Nucleotide Sequence Listing**

Applicants hereby submit a hard copy of a Sequence Listing along with a diskette containing a copy in computer readable form in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c) and (e). The undersigned certifies that the content of the hard copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable form are identical as required by 37 CFR § 1.821(f). No new matter is contained in the Sequence Listing. Applicants respectfully request entry of the Sequence Listing as filed.